

# Derry School Board Discusses District's Enrollment Numbers

**ALEX MALM**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry School Board held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 13, and one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to the enrollment numbers for the district.

It was explained by Derry School District Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian that right now they have the maximum number of recommended students for the kindergarten classes at South Range Elementary School.

She said that Derry Village Elementary School is the overflow school.

What happens in the situation that more kindergarten students register and they don't lose any students is that South Range keeps a waiting list for students and if one of the students moves out of the district then the next student on the waiting list is given the opportunity to switch to South Range. In some cases they rather stay at the school they started in.

They have also been monitoring the enrollment for other grades throughout the district where many or close to the recommended limit.

It was explained by Connors-Krikorian however, that unlike for the kindergarten classes they would not make students transfer to a different school.

"That wouldn't be right to do to our students," she said.

Cohen said that they constantly monitor the enrollment numbers.

"We are always watching enrollment and we want to make sure we have the space for our students," she said.

Also discussed during the meeting was the amount of bully investigations.

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# Hampstead Selectmen Discuss Some Safety Concerns in Town

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the July 12 Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items that was discussed was in regards to re establishing a crosswalk on School Street that was once there many years ago.

It was explained by Board of Selectmen Chairman Sean Murphy that when they repaved the road years ago they took it out and never replaced it.

A few years ago they inquired about how much it would cost to put the crosswalk back in but it didn't go anywhere. Now the discussion has been brought up again.

"The discussion has resurfaced," he said.

Murphy said that the cost would be roughly \$50,000, as it would require extensive engineering work along with a lot of technology involved to install things like crossing signals.

Police Chief Joseph Beaudoin, Jr. said that it may cost more than \$50,000 saying that the estimate is a conservative one since they will also have to install sidewalks in order to make it handicap accessible.

He said that the highway safety committee would be meeting soon to discuss the possibility of adding a crosswalk and would come back to the board of selectmen with a recommendation of what they think should be done.

During the liaison report Selectmen Joe Guthrie explained that since the library is in the process of putting up a new pavilion they also decided to examine the rest of the facility. One of the things that were determined is that they need better lighting in the parking lot of the Hampstead Public Library.

He said that he asked Rosemary Krol, the director of the library to get a proposal for new lighting and it was determined that it would cost about \$9,000.

The main expense would be to remove the two existing poles in the parking lot and put up new ones.

Guthrie recognized the fact that it isn't in the budget.

"I don't think we have the money in our budget," he said.

With that said they can use money from the town

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The town of Chester has closed down the footbridge that connects the parking area to the beach saying that it has been compromised by the heavy rains and not safe to walk across.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Safety Issues Close Wason Pond Footbridge

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Following torrential rainstorms recently there was damage done across the state from flooding to down power lines and trees due to the wind and rain.

The storm led to the town of Chester to make the decision to close the walking bridge leading to the Wason Pond beach on July 12.

"The 'walking bridge' that leads to the beach at Wason Pond has been compromised by the heavy rains and is not safe to traverse, either by vehicle or by foot," a press release posted on the town's website stated.

"The Fire Department is coning it off - please do not attempt to use it. The beach can still be accessed via the covered bridge and trails."

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# Chester Planning Board Approves Lot Line Adjustments

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CHESTER - During the Chester Planning Board meeting on July 14 one of the agenda items that was discussed was in regards to a lot line adjustment application for John and Susan Riddle at 123 Town Farm Road and David and Teresita Olson at 111 Town Farm Road.

The two houses are on a total of 10 acres of land.

It was explained by Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik that there is a pin that's on the edge of the driveway at 111 Town Farm Road and that by swapping the lots it would be moved, and also makes it more conforming for the zoning regulations.

"It's a very elegant and simple solution by just moving the lot," Hadik said.

He also said that it doesn't affect any abutters.

"It's just an even land swap," he said.

The planning board unanimously approved the lot line adjustment.

Also during the meeting the Chester Planning Board held a conceptual discussion with Robert Kilmer from Sanford Surveying and Engineering who was they're representing the Scott family.

They own about 11.3 acres of land between Route 102 and East Derry

Road.

Kilmer explained to the board that their goal is to consolidate the land into five building lots.

Conceptual discussions are a way for applicants and the planning board to understand and discuss what the proposal is before a site plan application is submitted to the board, so the applicant knows some of the things that may need to be addressed in the site plan.

Overall Hadik said that he thinks that the proposal would fit within the zoning for the area.

"As far as I can tell this fits our zoning," he said.

Also brought up by Hadik is the fact that they will have to look at the wetlands on the property when they submit their site plan application to the Chester Planning Board.

Kilmer said that they have a lot of wetlands.

Hadik said that three of

the lots will probably have the requirement that the person developing the lot will have to submit certified lot plans because of the wetlands.

They will also likely be required to get no cut buffer signs for every 100 feet of land. Hadik said that the signs are very cheap though, usually costing about \$1 per sign.

The next Chester Planning board meeting is slated for July 28 at 7 p.m.

# Sandown Heritage Commission Discusses Ongoing Projects

HENRY GREENBAUM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission met for their monthly meeting on Thurs. Jul. 1 at the Sandown Town Hall.

After approving the minutes from their last meeting, the commission moved onto the donation correspondence. "It's just the regular membership," said Chairperson Pamela Gaudreau. "They have plus 60 which means you get organizational membership for 12 months plus a copy of our

newsletter for each member of the board."

The Heritage Commission approved a project called the Preservation Alliance during their last meeting. Citizens of Sandown can pay a 12-month membership fee to the alliance. If they pay at least \$60, then they will gain access to a newsletter that talks about all of the happenings in Sandown.

The Commission also reported that they have a balance of \$5,072.13 with the money they received from their yard sale and from the Preservation

Alliance.

The Commission then moved onto project updates starting with AVFMHH Book Reprint. Gaudreau said, "Sandown of all the area towns by far has 282 Acres. Hampstead, of course, is the one that has that big giant pond. I was just looking through all of these little factoids [about Sandown] that I found to be interesting."

The AVFMHH books talk about the Southern New Hampshire area. It lists locations of where to hike, swim, socialize, and so much more. The

goal of these reprints is to show people how each of these towns are unique and to help them determine where to move to if that is what they are looking to do.

The Commission also gave an update on the Hearse House. Chairperson Gaudreau said that she saw the roofing for the house was done, but the sides are still being worked on as of Jul. 1. The Commission is very excited for how it will turn out. The project is getting a lot of support from the town and the Boy Scouts who are running it. There is sufficient

funding and the project is looking to be a successful venture for Sandown.

After the positive update on the Hearse House project, the Commission started to discuss the creation of a town flag. "We do not really have a town flag," said Geadreau. "That is what got me [reading] through the [AVFMHH] book because I was also thinking how fun it would be to have a town motto and come up with something unique that maybe we can throw out to the community."

The plan for the flag is to have three or four dif-

ferent designs prepared. They will then be presented for approval to the Sandown Board of Selectmen.

After approving the designs, the Commission will take public input as to which designs they like the best and they will make a final decision on the flag from there.

The meeting adjourned after the Commission had a quick discussion on other business including the Old Home Days. The Heritage Commission will meet again on Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Sandown Town Hall.

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# Derry Zoning Board Grants Rockingham Road Variances

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The Derry Zoning Board held its bi-monthly meeting on July 15.

During the meeting the case that they heard was in regards to allowing a single family home to be built on the 11 acre lot at 134 Rockingham Road, along with a detached garage that would be used to store the construction equipment along with an apartment on the top floor of the garage.

The owners of the property are MacThompson Realty and the house and garage will be built for

Gina and Rob Brown the owner of Brown Drum Construction.

Timothy Peloquin explained it, from Promised Land Survey who was representing the owners that the property previously had a single family home and garage on it before it was burnt down a few years ago.

"The property owner would be able to utilize it for its original use," he told the board.

Peloquin said that the garage would be used to store equipment on the property, which will include a box truck, a pick up truck and a small mini

excavator.

"He's not looking to run his construction company from the property. It's really just storage for his equipment," Peloquin said.

The apartment would be used for the owner's son.

One of the questions that was asked by zoning board member Craig Corbett was what the difference would be between getting permission to have a business at a property and a general contractor bringing their trucks home every night and having equipment on their property.

It was explained by Robert Mackey the code enforcement officer for the city that it would need to be designated as a business since they are storing construction equipment there and also because they need to have a physical address in order to receive mail, which they would be able to do with the designation.

It was clarified that they would only be doing administrative work there for the construction and not any actual construction work.

During deliberations, the first variance that was discussed was in regards to allowing a single family

dwelling to be built on the property with a detached garage.

Heather Evans, the vice chair of the zoning board said that she thought it would be a positive thing for the area.

"I think it will help the neighborhood if anything," she said.

The board ultimately approved the variance unanimously and the one condition that was put on the property is that they obtain all state and town permits and inspections.

Another variance that was voted on for the property was in regards to allowing the construction

company to be used in the garage.

They unanimously approved the variance with one of the conditions being that they don't have any exterior storage of construction equipment and vehicles and the garage isn't allowed to exceed 36x40. In addition they will also have to obtain state and local permits and inspections.

The variance to allow them to have the top floor of the detached garage used as an apartment was also approved with the conditions that they obtain the proper permits and inspections.

## Enrollment

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tions that took place during the school year. Connors-Krikorian explained that per district policy "the superintendent shall report to the school board all substantiated cases of bul-

lying and cyber bullying."

They also are required to turn in a report to the state the number of investigations that they have throughout the year. This year they had 12 substantiated cases of bullying and 12 unsubstantiated for a total of 24.

Cohen said that they take bullying seriously in the district.

"We take bullying very seriously in the district and we look into every allegation, every concern that comes to us and we aim to make this the best school for all students to

feel comfortable and be happy in learning," she said.

Derry School Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian explained it.

In personnel news Connors-Krikorian recommended to the school board that they name Laura Powers as the interim director of student services for the school district.

Powers said that she started in the Derry school district at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School as a special education facilitator, where she supported teachers, students and families with their needs.

Eventually she moved into the assistant director of student services posi-

tion for the district working with different schools and their programming.

Powers said that she is originally from Derry.

"I've been very rooted in the Derry community, grew up in Derry and moved back to raise my family here," she said.

The board unanimously approved making Pow-

ers the interim director.

"Congratulations Laura you have been in the district for a long time, you have served us very well and we look forward to working with you in the future," said school board chair Erika Cohen.

The next Derry School Board meeting is slated for Aug. 7.

## Women's Club Scholarship

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Editorial

# Stop Judging, Start Understanding

It is human nature to judge a person before you meet them based on what you may have heard from others. When relying on the opinion of others you will have a bias, becoming unable or unwilling to give said person a fair chance. However, humans can be flawed as well as their judgments.

When meeting someone you only have second hand knowledge about, try to keep an open mind. You don't know the variables that influenced the opinions about the person or subject. Your own instincts are probably the best. It is most important to be aware of all of the facts and the context prior to forming judgments. Your opinion of the person may be entirely different from the opinion of others if you proceed with an open mind.

You might not approve of actions you have heard this person took, however there may a good reason that is not apparent to you. Take a moment to look at their reasoning's objectively and you may find the reasoning's not so intolerable. On the other hand the person could see your point and you may change their mind. People can change and frequently do so when given the chance. But that's the thing we need to; give them the chance.

Our view of the world around us requires us to be either right or wrong, so we tend to judge. As such our views can be limited to what we

see before us and what we have experienced, but this is only ever a fraction of the world itself. More often than not, the things we judge in others are a reflection of the things we cannot accept about ourselves. Judging shuts us down and prevents us from understanding the full situation or a new truth that is not yet known. From the wise words of Doe Zantamata, "Through judging, we separate. Through understanding, we grow".

We could all do with a little more empathy and giving others the benefit of the doubt. There are always situations and circumstances of which we are not fully aware. Self-awareness, self-forgiveness, self-acceptance, and self-compassion help each of us to understand ourselves, and therefore understand others.

Human nature may not prevent us from judging others. However, by becoming more self-aware of when we make these types of judgments, we may be able to adopt more interesting and open thought patterns. We must try to be more appreciative and compassionate about the world rather than trying to fit it into our personal optics.

Last but not the least; let's quote Paulo Coelho "We can never judge the lives of others, because each person knows only their own pain and renunciation. So judge less, accept more, and restore your happiness".

Letters

## Who Benefits, Who Loses?

To the editor,

NH's Republican-supported state budget, signed by Governor Sununu, phases out the Interest and Dividends (I and D) Tax by 2027. The reason given: helping retirees and average taxpayers.

Really? The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy analysis shows that nearly nine of ten dollars saved will flow to our wealthiest 20 percent (average income over \$200,000), with nearly

half going to our top 1 percent (average income over \$1,800,000). The average savings for the top 1% - over \$7800. Not your typical retiree! The crumbs of the savings will therefore go to the bottom 80% - a whopping average of \$54! Fewer than 10% of NH taxpayers even earn enough to file the I and D tax form.

Bottom line: This tax phaseout is not for the average person or retiree. And NH's own Dept. of Revenue Administration estimates this tax phaseout will likely reduce state revenue by \$368.9 million through Fiscal Year 2028, then another \$116.9 million annually thereafter.

Where is the plan to replace that money? Do the Republicans plan to cut even more state support for our public schools and human services programs like they just have? Probably!! So who pays? You do. Your Republican Reps and Senator are raising your property taxes. Ask them to fess up, do better or vote them out next year!

Charlie Zoeller  
Derry

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# Volunteers Needed for Senior Affairs Transportation Program

**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Program (SSATP) is seeking local volunteers for a number of positions.

Elderly Affairs Director/Chairperson SSATP: The SSATP is seeking an Elderly Affairs Director and Chairperson. This is a volunteer position to oversee and coordinate SSATP and chair the SSATP monthly meetings. SSATP provides free transportation service and support through a volunteer network to the elderly, disabled, chronically or temporarily ill residents of the Town of Sandown.

**Scheduler** - Volunteer scheduler for about one hour per week. The scheduler coordinates drivers with residents seeking rides through the program.

**Drivers** - SSATP is seeking volunteer drivers. We provide safe, friendly free of charge transportation to Sandown residents who otherwise would be unable to readily get to their necessary medical appointments.

Whether you can volunteer to drive often or just on occasion, each ride makes a huge difference.

**Committee Members** - The SSATP has one open position for a regular member. This is a volunteer committee formed to provide transportation for Sandown residents who are elderly, disabled, chronically or temporarily ill. The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Those interested in any of the above opportunities are asked to call Scott Bickford at (603) 479-4413.



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# Hidden Gem Uncovered and Now on Display at Taylor Library

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - As the new Director of the Taylor Public Library in East Derry, Jen Thielker was doing a little spring-cleaning in the attic of the historic building and uncovered a forgotten gem.

Thielker explained, "We were cleaning out the attic and I noticed a portrait tucked away behind some old books. The dust cover on the back of her portrait was coming off but still legible and from the description." After examining the print and the description on the back of the print, Library Assistant, Maureen Gilbert realized it must be portrait of Harriet Taylor, who founded the library in 1877 with her will. She gifted the town \$1,000 to establish a library in East Derry upon



her passing.

The will was very specific and stated: "First, I give and bequeath to the Town of Derry in the County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, the sum of One Thousand Dollars for a

public library provided that said Town of Derry will furnish all suitable managements for keeping and the said library, which is to be located at the East Village and to the right- at the Town House, or at some place near the First

Parish Church in Derry, forever."

Taylor's bequeathment went toward purchasing the books that established a library in the Upper Village Hall, which was opened in February of 1878.

A number of years later, in 1926, Edward T. Parker gifted land to the town and in 1928, the family of Frederick Shepard Jr. requested to "erect upon the Parker Lot at East Derry a suitable and substantial building for the housing of the "Taylor Library" the same to be donated to the town when completed." Frederick's mother, Annie Shepard, was the librarian at the time the building was built.

Harriet's lithograph was recently restored and now it hangs where all can see her.

The staff at the library has also moved the portrait



Jen Thielker poses in front of the portrait of Harriet Taylor that is now on display. Photos by Chris Paul

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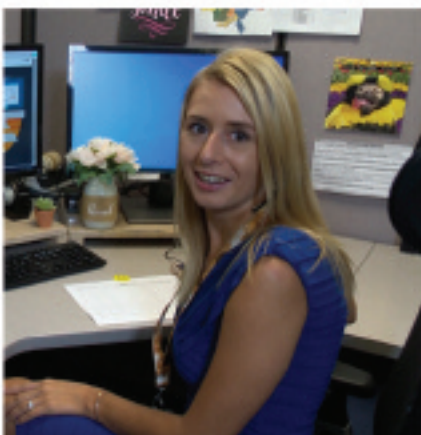
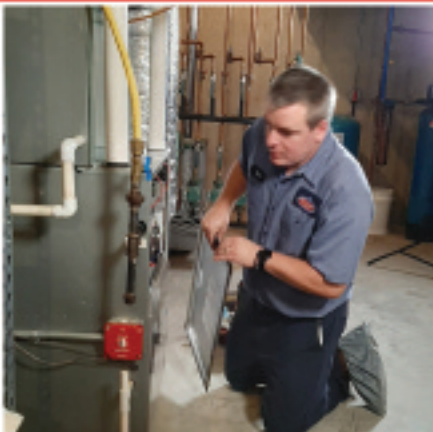
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# Sandown Depot Grand Opening is on Saturday, July 24

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - On Saturday, July 24, beginning at 9 a.m., the Sandown Depot and Museum will once again be open to the public.

After a year of dealing with the Pandemic and a number of membership issues over the past few years, the Sandown Historical Society is welcoming people through its doors this Saturday.

There will be tours throughout the day and someone sharing the rich history and stories of this once bustling train depot. Portions of the interior

have been modernized although it has remained mostly unaltered since its original construction in the late 1800's.

The SHS invites everyone to visit and enjoy entertainment, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and a great day of fun for the whole family. It's a celebration of Sandown's history with the return of the town museum and Depot.

There were discussions over the winter about shutting down the depot, but now the Sandown Historical Society is up and running with new members.

Previous board members, not living in Sandown or even New Hampshire,

accepted the decision to disband. Shayla McNally told town officials she could bring back local residents into the fold and she did just that. McNally is now the President of Sandown Historical Society and excited for the Grand Reopening of the Depot.

The Depot's past spans back about 150 years. Beginning in 1870, the Boston Maine rail line ran through Sandown, once the busiest single line track in the United States. During World War I, the line was heavily utilized to transport munitions. Families traveling for vacation or meeting family mem-

bers, soldiers headed off to war and businessmen used the train as their primary mode of transportation for over 60 years. More than 50 trains would pass through Sandown every day. The depot was built in 1873-74 and is the best preserved of stations built by the Nashua and Rochester Railroad that still exists. It remains at its original location and was listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1986.

The depot included a telegraph office, a post office, a freight depot and two separate waiting rooms. One waiting room was reserved for women

and children, the other was for men only. The depot quickly became the center of the community in the little rural town.

In the early 1930's rail traffic began to decline. With the affordability of the Ford Model T in 1925, public travelers could drive to their destinations instead of riding the train. It was inexpensive and they could drive wherever they wanted to go. The Great Depression and high unemployment added to the decline of railway travel. Trains stopped running through Sandown in 1934. The state highway department used what was then a vacant building, as storage

and by 1935 the single line track was removed. The depot continued as a storage facility for decades.

The Sandown Historical Society and Museum was founded in 1977 to preserve Sandown history. They restored the town owned train depot and converted it into a museum. It displays the impact the railroad had on the development of Sandown by presenting the history of the Boston and Maine Railroad's Worcester, Nashua and Portland Division.

The Sandown Historical Society has had some major struggles and challenges over the past several years.

# Hampstead Public Library Hosts Three Family Events

There are a few activities being offered at the Hampstead Public Library for families to enjoy over the next month.

First, Showtime Steve Variety Show will be performed on the front lawn of the library on Wednesday, July 28, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to grab chairs and blankets and join the library on the lawn for this incredible show funded by the Friends of the Hamp-

stead Public Library.

Dubbed as "The Human Variety Show," Showtime Steve is a one-of-a-kind variety performer, harnessing his signature off-the-cuff comedy and show-stopping stunts to create a high-energy show unlike any other!

Audiences across the U.S. have seen Steve juggle everything from shoes and car-keys, to machetes and balloons, as well as recreate a 100-year-old Hou-

dini rope escape, contort his entire body through a folding chair, and balance a ladder (and other dangerous items) on his chin. All this mixed with a healthy dose of physical comedy and audience participation makes this show an unforgettable experience for the whole family.

Then on Wednesday, Aug. 04, from 2 to 3 p.m. also on the front lawn, the Center for Wildlife presents Owls: Silent Hunters

of the Night.

This will wrap up the Summer Reading Wrap-Up program and those attending will learn all about the owls of New England.

The show is also thanks to the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library.

The show features beautiful non-releasable owl ambassadors showing off their adaptations for night hunting. Learn about the variety of New England

species, their habitats, diets, calls, and tips on how to spot them in the wild. This hour-long program will connect the audience with these beautiful ambassadors of their species as well as provide their natural and personal histories and empower audience members to help to steward the environment that we all share.

On Thursday, Aug. 5, the library will host Garden Tour & Tales, to Learn about the Library Gardens.

The program is from

6:30 to 8 p.m. and is a tour of the beautiful gardens at the Hampstead Public Library, both in front and behind the building. Tour guides are members of the Hampstead Garden Club who grow and maintain the library's gardens. The tour begins in front of the library, and will end by the Storybook Garden. This event also features an outside book sale and refreshments.

All ages welcome and the raindate is Friday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 pm.

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A beaver dam has added to the problems with the footbridge at Wason Pond in Chester. The bridge has been closed by the town. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Footbridge

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The walking bridge in Chester is an issue that the town has been dealing with for many years according to Chris Hadik, the chairman of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission.

He said that due to beavers building dams underneath the bridge it has caused issues with water flowing for several years.

Most recently the town installed a beaver deceiver, to allow the flow of water to continue to flow despite

the beaver dams being there.

Due to the heavy rains it wasn't enough to combat the effects from the beaver dams causing apparent issues on the bridge forcing the town to make the decision to close the bridge temporarily until they can have it inspected to determine if it's safe to use.

"It will be inspected after the pond level has lowered and will be repaired or reopened as soon as possible," the sign on the barrier to the bridge stated. "In the meantime, the beach can be reached via the covered bridge and

trails."

According to Corinna Reishus, the recreation director for the town, the bridge being closed hasn't impacted any recreation programs.

"As far as our summer program, there has been little impact on our program as we are able to access all areas using the trails," she said.

Requests for comment to Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette, and to Chester's Town Administrator Debra Doda were both unreturned.

## Hampstead

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building and maintenance trust fund, which has over \$40,000 in the account right now.

He said that they could spend the money on it since it's a safety issue.

"I think it's something that needs to get done," he said.

In addition to the library having issues with a lack of lighting in the parking lot, he said that the

town building also has a similar issue and is something they should look at since many meetings go late for different boards and it's important to keep people safe.

The board of selectmen unanimously approved spending money from the trust for the new lighting.

In other news Sally Theriault, the administrative assistant for the Board of Selectmen said that they submitted the town's application for the Ameri-

can Rescue Plan Act funding to the U.S. Treasury.

The next steps in the process she said is to start determining what projects, equipment or programs they want to support with the funds they receive from it.

She said that she will be meeting with department heads and already has preliminary reports from each of the departments about what they are looking for and will begin to determine if they fall into the guidelines of what it can be spent on.

## Hampstead Public Library Receives Federal Funds

The Hampstead Public Library is the recipient of \$1,964 in grant funding thanks to federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the NH State Library. The grant funds received will support the

Library's efforts to provide a safe meeting space for the community.

Using these grant funds, the Library purchased an air purification system for the building's second floor Meeting Room where many community groups meet and Library events occur.

To learn more about the Hampstead Public Library, its services and resources, visit [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) or visit the Library at 9 Mary E. Clark Dr., Hampstead.

To learn more about ARPA funding, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/american-rescue-plan/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/american-rescue-plan/).



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# Ovation Theatre Company to Perform Mamma Mia

Mamma Mia, the sensational hit musical is getting ready to hit the Londonderry Town Common Stage the last weekend in July. Ovation Theatre Company and a cast drawn from

all over southern NH and northern Mass., will be presenting this blockbuster to crowds ready for a night full of music, dance and a whole lot of fun.

ABBA's hits tell the

hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show.

Cast member Alyssa Beaulieu of Londonderry says the cast is "just beyond ecstatic to be able to get back on the stage since COVID." This might be the biggest event ever staged at the Londonderry Town Common, with a set that will fill every inch of the stage and extend it forward as well. Town Manager Kevin Smith is "thrilled to see Ovation Theatre bring their performance... to the Town Common. I

have no doubt the public will embrace watching a live theatre performance outdoors in the heart of Londonderry's historic four corners."

The show is directed by Meg Gore, with musical direction by Kevin Fisher and choreography by Katy Gore, assisted by Adam Furgal and Michael Crowley, all supported by Stage Manager Tim Gore.

The cast is drawn from a wide area: Ava Amaro, Alyssa Beaulieu, Betsy Brown, Hanna Carroll, Michael Crowley, Katy Gore, Genevieve Martin, Alea Millis, Maddie Tufts and Mason Turek of Londonderry; Lucy Backman, Ella Burroughs, Emma Cate, Madison Finocchiaro, Jackson Kirsch, Evelyn Morin, Landon Sprague, Zoe Sternberg and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead; Ryan Carrigan, Tony Gallo, and Nicolette Manrique of Derry; O'Niyah Hamilton of Hooksett; Debrah Hernandez of Chester; Adam Furgal of Auburn; Cailean Anderson of Hudson; Chloe Castellano of New Boston; Jordan Delage of Milford; Zac Barnaby of Pepperell, Mass.; and Lauren Legault of Amesbury, Mass.

Maddie Tufts commented, "I'm so grateful to be part of this show, and I am thrilled to be perform-



Hampstead resident Evelyn Morin plays Sophie in the musical Mamma Mia! Photos by Chris Paul

ing. The director's attention to detail and intricate dance moves makes this show an experience to remember."

Beaulieu says her favorite part of the show is the dancing. "All of the numbers have so much high energy - it sucks you right into the experience."

Debrah Hernandez, playing the lead role of Donna, finds herself quoting lyrics to describe the show. "Mamma Mia! is an electrifying mega-hit that will make you want to dance the night away, leaving you uplifted and feeling like a number one."

MAMMA MIA! per-

formances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, July 30, Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, Aug. 1 at the Londonderry Town Common. Tickets are \$15, are currently available at [OvationTC.com](http://OvationTC.com) and will be on sale at the gate. Handicap parking is available onsite, and additional parking is available at various nearby lots.

Ovation Theatre Company would like to thank the Londonderry town staff, Londonderry United Methodist Church, and the Londonderry and Hampstead schools for their support of this production.



Adam Furgal and Katy Gore rehearse a scene



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Greater Derry Track Club Holds Third Summer Fun Run



CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) Kids Summer Fun Runs resumed on Monday, July 19, and managed to hold its third race of the season despite the threats of rain.

The races were forced to take a one-year break last summer due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and this participants have back in droves at the Londonderry High School track to compete again.

The numbers bounced back a bit this week, with 287 runners showing up for some fun running and watermelon.

The GDTC was able to donate 27 more bags of food to the St. Jude Food

Pantry with the donations provided by runner families.

Races for were run in every age group from two-on-up but only ages 9-13 are recorded for end-of-season prizes. In the younger age groups every participant receives a ribbon for competing.

There were a lot of repeat winners this week and the top-three finishers in this week's races are as follows.

For boys 9-year-old: Beckett O'Brien of Londonderry was first for the third consecutive week, Brody Manzer of Londonderry was second and Ben Berry of Londonderry was third.

In the girls 9-year-old group: The top two

remained the same for the third week in a row. Meghan Mullaney of Derry finished first; Dannicia Leblanc of Fremont was second and Reagan Morgan of Windham was third.

The boys 10-year-old group was also the same as the first two week's finish. Owen Hooke of Derry was first; Rowan Nichols of Derry second; and Jacob Tiney of Sandown was third.

In the girls 10-year-old group: Mia Bucu of Londonderry was first; Emerson Presher of Londonderry took second; and Isley Morrison of Derry was third for the second consecutive week.

In the boys' 11-year-old race: Patrick Ramsey

of Londonderry was first; Miles Herlicka of New Boston was second once again and Logan Reiff of Windham was third.

In the girls' 11-year-old race: Anna Laufersweiler of Londonderry was first; Emily Bugenhagen of Londonderry came in second; and Madison Doherty of Chester was third.

In the boys' 12-year-old race: Theodore Doherty of Chester once again finished first; Paul Sinopoli of Windham was second; and Ryan Hooke of Derry was third.

In the girls' 12-year-old race, Avery Vadeboncoeur of Sandown came in first.

In the boys 13-year-old group, Sig Iverson, of

Chester, was the first place winner.

The free series begins each week at 6 p.m. at the Londonderry High School Track.

The program will continue for two more weeks on July 26, and Aug. 2.

Non-perishable food donations are appreciated to help support local food pantries.

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# Pinkerton Announces 2021 Fall Athletic Try-out Schedules

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2021 fall high school sports season is quickly approaching and Pinkerton Academy recently announced the schedule for try-outs.

During the try-out process, there will be cuts made to a number of teams. Every athlete will be allowed to try-out for, at least, the first three days of scheduled practice before cuts are potentially made.

All athletes must be signed up on FamilyID, registration information can be found on the Pinkerton Athletics Home website, and all athletes must have a physical, that cannot be older than two years from the end of this fall's season, and also fill out the PA Health Form (on the back of the physical form).

The Health Form is also located on the PA Athletics

website under the Forms tab.

**Football:** The first practice for varsity/junior varsity is on Friday, Aug. 13, starting at 7 a.m. at the Oval (near the traffic circle).

Freshmen will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Hackler Field House (Gym).

Contact Coach O'Reilly with any Varsity or J.V. questions at [boreilly@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:boreilly@pinkertonacademy.org). Contact Coach Dugas with any freshman questions at [edugas@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:edugas@pinkertonacademy.org).

**Girls' Cross Country:** First Practice will be Monday, Aug. 23 and will meet in Team Room 5 (downstairs) of the Hackler Field House (Gym) at 8 a.m. Contact Coach Alizio with any questions at [jalizio@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:jalizio@pinkertonacademy.org).

**Boys' Cross Country:** Monday, Aug. 23 from 8:15

a.m. to noon at Team Room 8 (downstairs) of the Hackler Field House (Gym).

Students should be dressed and prepared to run. Warm up exercises will include dynamics and core work. Students will run up to five miles on the Cross Country Trail including a one-mile time trial.

The time trial is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 25. Qualification Times are: Freshman 22:00; Sophomores 20:00; Juniors 19:00; Seniors 18:30

Please contact Coach Clark with any questions at [mclark@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:mclark@pinkertonacademy.org)

**Girls' Soccer:** First Practice will be on Monday, Aug. 16 at the Girls' Varsity Soccer Field (upper field behind Stockbridge Theatre).

Upperclassman will meet from 8 to 11 a.m., freshman from 10 a.m. to



The Pinkerton Academy Football team has sheduled its first practice on Friday, Aug. 13 where varsity and junior varsity will gather for tryouts.

noon. Freshmen are asked to wear a shirt with their first or last name on it. Contact Coach Rappa with any questions at [drappa@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:drappa@pinkertonacademy.org)

**Boys' Soccer:** The first practice for upperclassmen will be on Monday, Aug. 16, from - 8 to 11 a.m. at the Boys' Varsity soccer field

Freshmen will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 8 to 10 a.m. on the same field.

Athletes need to have their own water bottle, ball, cleats, shin guards and they should wear a shirt with their names on the back of it.

Contact Coach Boles with any questions at [kboles@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:kboles@pinkertonacademy.org).

**Girls' Volleyball:** The first practice will be on Monday, Aug. 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hackler Gymnasium (courts 2, 3 and 4). Contact Coach Royce with any questions at [troyce@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:troyce@pinkertonacademy.org).

**Field Hockey:** The first practice is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16 at the Hackler Field House (Gym).

Upperclassman will meet from 7 to 11 a.m. starting at the Exercise Room to check paperwork.

Freshman will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. starting in front of Hackler Gym to check paperwork.

Be sure to have running sneakers as well as cleats/turf shoes with you everyday of tryouts.

Contact Coach Littlefield with any questions at [klittlefield@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:klittlefield@pinkertonacademy.org).

**Golf:** The first practice is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16 at the Hoodcroft Country Club on East Broadway in Derry from 9 a.m. to about 2 p.m.

Students should be ready to play with clubs and proper attire. Contact Coach Sojka with any questions at [jsojka@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:jsojka@pinkertonacademy.org)

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**(Cheerleading):** The first practice is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16, at the Hackler Field House (Gym) from 4 to 6 p.m.

A Rules and Regulations meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. for an hour for athletes that made the team.

Contact Coach McCarty with any questions: [mmcarty@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:mmcarty@pinkertonacademy.org)

**Bass Fishing:** First 3 days are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 9 at Wason Pond, 603 Raymond Road, Chester, from 4 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 10 - Wason Pond, from 4 to 6 p.m.;

and Wednesday, Aug. 11 they will meet at Beaver Lake, in Derry from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tryout dates and locations are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Anglers must provide their own transportation to tryout locations and bring their own gear for all tryouts. Keep tackle and number of rods to the essen-

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# Attention DIY Oil Changers: Don't Be Slick With Your Used Oil

Many New Hampshire residents choose to perform their own oil changes on personal vehicles and other motorized equipment. Do-It-Yourself (DIY) oil changers generate quite a bit of used oil, but how many know what to do with the used oil afterward or the importance of disposing of it properly?

It takes only one pint of oil to produce a one-acre slick on surface water, which may kill plants, fish and other wildlife. One quart of oil may contaminate 250,000 gallons of groundwater and make it unsafe to drink. After use, used motor oil may contain a number of contaminants, including metals and organic chemicals. It is

important to properly manage your used oil during and after the oil change in order to prevent contamination of surface water and groundwater. When performing your oil changes, make sure you do it over an impervious surface (a surface that does not allow water or other liquids to percolate through, such as pavements) in case there is a spill and sturdy/compatible containers should always be used to collect the oil that is being drained.

After the oil change, the used motor oil should not be disposed of in the trash or on the ground where it may eventually contaminate drinking water supplies. DIY used motor

oil can be recycled or reused. One gallon of used oil can be re-refined into 2.5 quarts of recycled lubricating oil, whereas it takes 42 gallons of crude oil to produce this same amount of virgin lubricating oil. When meeting the proper specifications, used oil can also be efficiently used as fuel in approved boilers or furnaces.

Here are some easy steps to properly dispose of your used oil after performing an oil change:

- Carefully pour the used oil into a suitable recycling container. You may purchase specially designed containers at an automotive store, or reuse a sturdy, clean (preferably clear) container with a

closeable lid. Plastic milk jugs with screw caps work well.

- Label the container "Used Oil." Do not mix any other wastes – such as paint thinners, gasoline or anti-freeze – with the used oil. This will affect the recyclability of the oil and may present a safety hazard.

- Take the filled containers to a collection center for proper recycling:

Most transfer stations have a dedicated storage area for used oil. The transfer station will either use the oil for on-site heating or send it out for recycling. A list of transfer stations collecting DIY used oil can be found here: Municipalities Collecting Household Generated Used

Oil [www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/uotowns-collect-used-oil.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/uotowns-collect-used-oil.pdf).

Used motor oil may also be collected at a municipal household hazardous waste collection day. For more information, dates and locations contact your local municipality.

Some auto parts stores and quick oil change facilities will often accept used oil from do-it-yourselfers. A list of businesses that may collect used oil can be found here: Businesses Collecting Household Generated Used Oil [www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/uotowns-collect-used-oil.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/uotowns-collect-used-oil.pdf). (Always call ahead of time

before bringing your used oil to one of these businesses.)

If you have larger volumes of used oil, you may need to bring your oil to the transfer station in batches. Most towns place limits on the amount of oil you can drop off at one time.

Note: When determining where to bring your DIY used oil always call ahead; used oil collection policies are subject to change at any time. These disposal options are only for do-it-yourselfers. If you are a business, visit the NHDES Used Oil webpage [www.des.nh.gov/waste/hazardous-waste/generation-and-compliance/used-oil](http://www.des.nh.gov/waste/hazardous-waste/generation-and-compliance/used-oil) for further information on disposal and recycling options.

## Eversource Payment Assistance & Other Programs to Help Those Struggling

With new federal funding available to support NH residents who have been financially impacted by the pandemic, Eversource is raising awareness for customers that may qualify for help through the NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program and other programs available during this time. As it has since the pandemic began, the energy company is working one-on-one with customers to connect them with solutions to help.

"We know that many of our customers continue to face financial impacts and other challenges due to the pandemic, and we want them to take advantage of

the programs available to help them with their energy bill like the NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program," said Eversource Vice President of Customer Operations Jess Cain. "Customers who've never needed assistance previously may not realize they qualify. With several different programs available to help, we remain committed to working one-on-one with customers to connect them with the best solution in their specific case."

The NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program covers past-due and future rent payments, utilities and heating costs, and other housing-related costs such

as internet. Customers may be eligible if at least one person in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19. Customers can receive utility assistance even if they do not need rental or other assistance through the program.

Customers may also qualify for these programs to help pay their energy bill:

- Temporary Hardship Status. If a customer has been laid off or had their hours reduced because of

the pandemic, they are encouraged to contact Eversource. They may be eligible for temporary hardship status and protection from service disconnection for a period of up to 60 days.

- Low-Income Discount Rate. Low-income customers may qualify for a discount rate up to 76% based on household income eligibility.

- Electric Assistance Program. Customers that

meet certain income guidelines may qualify for a discount on their monthly electric bill.

- Neighbor Helping Neighbor. Customers that don't qualify for federally funded assistance but are experiencing a temporary crisis may qualify for assistance from Neighbor Helping Neighbor at [NHNfund.org](http://NHNfund.org).

- Payment Plans. All customers, regardless of

financial need, can enroll in a payment plan to pay a past-due balance over a period of time.

To learn more about the NH Emergency Rental Program or to apply for Fuel Assistance, customers should visit [CAPNH.org](http://CAPNH.org) or call 2-1-1. For more information on Eversource's programs to assist customers, visit [Eversource.com](http://Eversource.com).



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### Etz Hayim Religious Learning,

The Etz Haymin Synagogue is holding Religious Learnings on Tuesdays, Weekly starting Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (Ages 7-18) This will entail: Hebrew letter recognition and decoding to learn Hebrew reading skills; Holiday observance, Tzedakah, Judaica, Jewish history, living and ethics; Liturgical and Judaic knowledge and skills in preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Registration: [www.etzhayim.org/learn](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn). For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

### Etz Hayim High Holidays

Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration. No requirements on tickets or reservations. Schedule is as follows: Sat. Aug. 28, at 8 p.m., for Selichot Program "Hummable Hits for the High Holidays"; Sat. Aug. 28, at 9 p.m., Services; Mon. Sept. 6, at 7:15 p.m., for Erev Rosh Hashanah Service; Tues. Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 1); Tues. Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., Tashlich - Hood Pond, Derry; Tues. Sept. 7, at 2:30 p.m., Family Service; Wed. Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah

Service (Day 2); Wed. Sept. 15, at 7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur Morning Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., Discussion "Lessons Learned from Covid for our Synagogue"; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 2 p.m., Family Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., Afternoon Service; Mon. Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m., Erev Sukkot; Fri. Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah; Wed. Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m., Simchat Torah. For more information or live stream links, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

### Charity Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus council #3023 is excited to announce our 1st annual charity golf tournament to be held on Friday Aug. 20, at Hoodkrest Country Club in Derry. Proceeds from the golf tournament and auction items will be disbursed directly to our charity partners such as the Derry Timberwolves, NH Special Olympics, St. Gianna's Place, Saint Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry and the Sunshine Soup Kitchen. We invite you to support our event through financial sponsorship. Our levels of sponsorship are: Grand Sponsor \$1,000; Putting Green Sponsor \$200; Hole Sponsor \$150; Tee Sponsor \$125; Golf Cart Sponsor \$75; Food Sponsor \$50. For more information and to make a contribution online please visit our sponsorship page [birdsase.com/KOC-STAGOLF](http://birdsase.com/KOC-STAGOLF) or contact us at [dankofc3023@gmail.com](mailto:dankofc3023@gmail.com) to discuss our upcoming event and how you can get involved.

### Open Mic Night

A Christian Coffee House Open Mic Night on Friday July 30, at 7 p.m. At the Abundant Grace Church 127

Rockingham Rd., (RT 28) Derry. Free Admission and Refreshments. For more information call 603-432-0510.

### Summer Cookouts

Please join us for our Summer Cookouts starting on Thursdays, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. The cost of our Summer Barbecue is \$5 per person. If you are looking for something to do on Thursday nights, please come, enjoy some good food, and enjoy spending time with your friends here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH. Please call the Parish Office at 432-5000 should you have any questions.

### Free Senior Activities

Free games, and groups for older adults every week-day at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, and coffee is provided. Bridge on Mondays at 1 p.m.; Mah-jongg at noon and Hand & Foot at 1 p.m., on Tuesdays; Whist at 1 p.m., on Wednesdays; Domino Train at noon on Thursdays; Cribbage and at 9 a.m., and Forty Five's at 1 p.m., on Fridays; The last Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m., a Free movie will play with popcorn and soda. Available to play every day on the lawns during Spring & Summer: Giant Jenga & Connect Four, Backgammon, Chess & Checkers, Yardzee & Farkle, with Bocce and Cornhole on the back lawn. Located at 39 West Broadway, Derry.

### Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour on Monday's at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

## CHESTER

### Sand Art

Make a wild design with colored sand at the Chester Library on Monday, Aug. 2,

at 4 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for ages 10 and up.

### Maple Syrup Basics

Come to an exciting program about making maple syrup with Folsom's Sugar House. Kids will learn about maple trees, the syrup-making process, and the equipment that is used at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. Registration Is Required. (Outside, weather permitting.) This event is for Kids.

### Annual Talent Show

Bring your best talents to showcase at the Chester Library on Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required.

### Unicorn Horns Craft

Design your own beautiful unicorn horn at the Chester Library on Monday, Aug. 9, at 4 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for ages 5 and up.

### Grapevine Bird Nesting

Make a perfect nest for our bird friends out of grapevine with local Naturopath and artist Marie Somers at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for Kids.

### Raising Farm Animals

Join Becky Owens from local farming education group Farm Rich for an educational and fun program about raising and caring for bunnies, chickens, and goats at the Chester Library on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. Meet these cute animals after the program. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for kids.

### Caring for Chickens

Terry Scott from Hillside Farm will teach you all about how to care for chickens on Monday, July 26, at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library (Outside, weather permitting). Cute chickens will be at the program to meet afterwards.

Registration Is Required. This event is for kids.

### Honey Bees 101

Join local beekeeper Abby Bellemore for a kid-friendly program about the basics of beekeeping on Wednesday, July 28, at 4 p.m., at the Chester Library (Outside, weather permitting). Registration Is Required. This event is for kids.

### Tie-Dye a Garment

Bring a garment for this FUN and messy program hosted by the Chester Library on Thursday, July 29, at 4 p.m. (Outside, weather permitting.) Registration Is Required. This event is for Kids and Teens.

### Teen Book Club

This book club will meet Thursday, July 29, at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library to discuss One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus. Pick up books at the front desk. Registration Is Required. (Outside, weather permitting.)

### Supervisors of the Checklist

NH law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the town checklist every 10 years. Any person on the Chester checklist who has not voted in the past four (4) years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the town of Chester will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registrations, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and or change of political party affiliation on: Saturday, July 24, from 11 a.m. - noon at Chester Town Hall, Supervisor's office 84 Chester St. Chester. Voters may check party affiliation on-line: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.aspx>. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come in to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring

proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship, and or domicile.

### Crafting Group

Bring your projects to the Chester Library on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m., to work on. Registration is required, call 887-3404.

### Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo! Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

### Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to join? Learn to play with pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Showtime Steve

Bring the family for an evening performance on the Hampstead Public Library front lawn, Wednesday, July 28 at 6 p.m. Dubbed as "The Human Variety Show," Showtime Steve is a one-of-a-kind variety performer. He harnesses his signature off-the-cuff comedy and show-stopping stunts to create a high-energy show unlike any other. Audiences across the USA and beyond have seen Steve juggle everything from shoes and car keys, to machetes and balloons. He also does stunts, tricks, and involves the audience. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Thanks to the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library for funding this event.

### Teen Subscription Box

Hampstead teens in grades five and up can register now to get a Hampstead Public Library Subscription Book-Box. We curate fun items to go in the box, and participants choose their own books from a selection donated to the Library. Those books are for participants to keep. Advance registration is required via the Library Events Calendar, or call 603-329-6411. Beginning at 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 29,

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## Calendar

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teens can come get their box and pick the books they want.

### Library Garden Tour

On Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m., join us for a wonderful Garden Tour at the Hampstead Public Library, both in front and behind the building. Your tour guides are members of the Hampstead Garden Club who grow and maintain the Library's beautiful gardens. We'll meet in front of the building, and end by the Storybook Garden in the back. This event also fea-

tures an outside Book Sale and refreshments. All ages are welcome! The rain date is Friday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### Bridge Club

Has returned to the Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

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ister to get a Hampstead Public Library Subscription Book-Box. We curate fun items to go in the box, and participants choose their own books from a selection donated to the Library. Those books are for participants to keep. Beginning at 9 am on Thursday, July 29, teens can pick up their box and choose the books they want. Come early for the best selection! Advance registration is required via the Library Events Calendar, or call 603-329-6411.

### Library Scavenger Hunt

Have you seen all the stuffed animals and animal

silhouettes in the Hampstead Public Library Children's Area? How many can you find? Compare your size to that of the animal silhouettes and see if you're bigger or smaller. Children can use the Scavenger Hunt sheets to mark off all the animals they can locate. Turn in a completed sheet at the front desk and get a bonus raffle ticket.

### Kids Make A Bird Home

Children can create a Bird Home in a Steam-on-the-Lawn event on Thursday, July 22 at 2 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. This project is recommended for students in

grades K through 4. Try your hand at creating your own nest using common materials that birds use. Participants then assemble and paint a wooden birdhouse to take home. Space is limited and sign-up is required. Register in advance via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org. This program is partially sponsored by a NH State Library Summer Learning Grant.

### Pet Photos

Adult Summer Reading program, patrons can share a picture of their beloved pet(s) for the Tails @ Home photo

collage at the Hampstead Library. This can also be a family project. Drop off your picture at the Library, include your name and contact information on the back. Photographic paper is not required; copy paper is fine. You can also email a photo to ProgramsHPL@gmail.com. Everyone who shares a photo will be entered to win a gift card for a local pet supply store. Please submit your photo by July 31.

### Stories About Your Pet

Do you have fun anecdotes about your pet? Get creative with the Hampstead **continued on page 15**

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## Mother Goose Returns

Mother Goose on the Loose returns to the Hampstead Public Library with four sessions in July! Grab a blanket or chairs and join Miss Jenn on the Library lawn at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, and 29. This interactive program is designed for our youngest patrons, ages 0-2, and their caregivers. Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime features songs, rhymes, movement, and stories. If the event needs to be canceled because of poor weather, we will post on the Library Facebook page by 9 a.m., or feel free to call 603-329-6411.

## 6th Annual Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Greater Hampstead Civic Club/Brian E. Colbert Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Monday Aug. 2, at Atkinson Country Club. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m., and Shotgun Start at noon in a Scramble Format. The entry fee of \$185 per player that includes Greens fees, Cart, and lunch and dinner. Sponsorships are still Available. If you can attend you can bid on Auction Items online. Field is limited to first 144 Golfers on the Main Course but we also have the Par 3 Event the same day. Go to [www.HampsteadCivclub.org](http://www.HampsteadCivclub.org) for registration. Contact Kim Colbert at 603-548-6776 with Questions

## Storytime

Outdoor Storytime for 3 to 5-year-old children has started at the Hampstead Library! Weather permitting, meet Miss Jenn on the Library lawn for stories and fun on

Monday mornings at 10 a.m. (except holidays.) Watch the Library's Facebook page for related announcements (e.g. cancellation or changes.)

## SANDOWN

### Fun in the Kitchen

Join the Sandown Library for some family fun in the kitchen on Monday July 26, from 4 - 5 p.m. This session will be making Homemade Lemonade. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Essential Oils Make & Take

Fun in the Sun with Essential Oils presented by Barbara K. & Dr. Marie S. by the Sandown Library on Tuesday, July 27, from 6 - 8 p.m. This event will be held at the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. There will be a materials fee of \$5 per item that you make. All ingredients and supplies needed for each item are included in the fee. Make one item or as many as you want. Fees are paid directly to the presenter. After Sun Skin Spray, Bye Bye Insect Repellent, and All natural sunscreen lotion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia

Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Owl Pellet Dissection

Have you ever wondered what owls eat? The Sandown Library will be dissecting owl pellets to find what animal skeletons are inside! Using the bones that are found, we will identify what the owls ate On Wednesday, July 28, from 4 - 5 p.m. Registration is required. This program is for ages 8+. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Summer Saturdays

Special Saturday Summer programs for all ages from 11 a.m. - noon. Join the Sandown Library for a variety of presentations, crafts, and guest speakers. This program will be held on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. Registration for this event opened on Monday, June 28, 9 a.m. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Movies on the Patio

Outdoor movies shown at the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion At the Sandown

Library. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough, on Saturdays, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the showing will be cancelled, and notice will be sent out. Please register for this event so we can notify of any change in plans. This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the New Hampshire State Library. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Storytime Outdoors

This is a story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Sandown Library. This program is for children aged 2 - 6 years old. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. Summer story times will be held outdoors on the library's new patio. Mask wearing and social distancing is encouraged for this program.

### SPL Anime Club

Love Anime? Join the Sandown Public Library Anime Club! At the SPL Anime Club, you can watch and discuss Anime (episodes and films), have snacks, learn about Japanese culture, and do some anime arts and crafts. For the first meeting, Thursday, July 22, from 4 - 5 p.m., will be showing My Hero Academia. Registration is required.

### Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at

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### BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

### Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>.

Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

### YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading comprehension and vocabulary building. We do this through reading, reading, oral storytelling, poetry, fingerplays and rhymes. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

## REGIONAL

### Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Meal Bags to go: Lunch on July 25, at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 -2:30 p.m.; Dinner on July 30 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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